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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Inclosed herewith are reprints of the articles you requested July 15. Your request did not reach me until August 27.

May I call your attention particularly to that fact that in the work with Aspergillus niger all work was done with a single spore strain. Since the conidia of this species are presumably uninucleated, it is difficult to understand how heterokaryosis could be a factor. There is no doubt that chemicals can cause mutations, if the recent work with mustard gas on Neurospora and Drosophila is of any value.

I would appreciate a reprint of your review when it is published.

Sincerely yours,

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